

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1A, 1B, 3, 5, 8, 10, 11 and 14. Attached hereto are 7 replacement sheets. The changes are as follows:

In Figures 1A and 1B, the reference character “10” has been deleted from the figures.

In Figures 5, the internal spring pin with an extension reference character “2” has been changed to reference character “16”.

In Figures 1A, 1B, 3, 5, 8, 10, 11 and 14, the black shading in component 10 have been hatched.

Attachments: Replacement Sheets (7)

Annotated Sheet Showing Change (1)

REMARKS

Claim 7 constitute the pending claim in the present application. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, and 11 have been canceled. Claim 3 was withdrawn from consideration. Claims 12-17 are new. Furthermore, new generic claims 12-17 are readable on elected species Figures 1-3 and 6.

Applicant note with appreciation the Examiner's conclusion that claim 7 is allowed.

Additionally, Applicant respectfully submits that if a generic claim is found to be allowable, Applicant is entitled to consideration of the additional species of the allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.146.

No new subject matter has been added and amended and new claims should not necessitate an additional search. Support for the amended and new claims can be found in the application and claims as originally filed.

The issues raised by the Office Action are addressed below in the order they appear in the prior Action.

The Drawings Comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5)

The Office Action objects to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because reference character "10" as shown in the drawing filed on January 26, 2007 is not mentioned in the description. Applicant has amended Figure 1A and 1B to remove the reference character "10".

The Office Action objects to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because reference character "2" has been used to designate both spring pin without an extension as shown in Figure 1A and 1B and a spring pin with an extension (Fig. 5).

Applicant has amended Figure 5 such that the internal spring pin with an extension reference character “2” has been changed to reference character “16”. In addition, Applicant has amended the specification Figure 5 reference character “2” to reference character “16”.

The Office Action objects to the drawings because the black shading in component 10 in Figures 1A, 1B, 3, 8, and 14 is not permitted per 37 CFR 1.84(m). Applicant has amended the cross-sectional views of Figures 1A, 1B, 3, 8, 14, and additionally Figures 5, 10 and 11 such that component 10 is hatched.

Applicant believes the foregoing amendments obviate the Office Action’s rejections of the drawings under 37 CFR 1.84. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: on the paragraph bridging pages 4 and 5, the description of reference character “8” has been described as an “Internal Spring Trigger” and “trigger pin”. Applicant has amended the specification to consistently reference character “8” as an “Internal Spring Trigger”.

The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. The Office Action has requested that “one or more ball bearing or slugs located in the main structure and within an internal geometry of the trap” be recited in the specification. Applicant has amended the specification to include reference to one or more ball bearing or slugs “located in the main structure and within an internal geometry of the trap”. No new matter is introduced.

Applicant believes the amendments to the specification overcome these objections. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to the specification is respectfully requested.

Claims

Applicant thanks the Examiner for pointing out informalities in the claims. Applicant has accordingly amended the claims as detailed below.

Claim 7 has been amended to insert “being adapted” after “trigger” in line 7.

Claim 7 has been amended to recite “application of a low force” instead of “the application of the low force”.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to the claims is respectfully requested.

The Claims Comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112

Rejection of Claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as being based on a disclosure which is not enabling. Applicant has canceled claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 11.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the §112 rejection is respectfully requested.

The Claims Comply with 35 U.S.C. § 102

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) (Bemis U.S. Patent No. 3,066,632)

Claim 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bemis, (U.S. Patent No. 3,066,632). Applicant has canceled claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, and 11.

The Claims Comply with 35 U.S.C. §103

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) (Bemis, U.S. Patent No. 3,066,632)

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bemis, 3,066,632. Applicant has canceled claim 8.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) (De Pew, U.S. Patent No. 3,065,011 in view of Huff, U.S. Patent No. 1,027,481)

Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over De Pew (U.S. Patent No. 3,065,011) in view of Huff (U.S. Patent No. 1,027,481). Applicant has canceled claim 9.

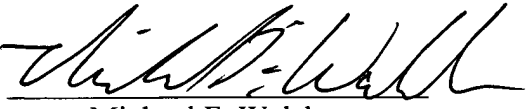
Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections.

Respectfully submitted,

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Annotated Sheet
Figure 5

